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By: D. JELLISON, Deputy

**THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

**IN RE PROCEDURE REGULATING
PHOTOGRAPHY, RECORDING AND
BROADCASTING IN COURTHOUSE**

**GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING DEPARTMENT**

ORDER NO. 010117-03

THIS COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

This Order has been developed for the protection of all persons with business in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego courthouse facilities, and to ensure the safe, secure, orderly and efficient handling of proceedings and court business. This Order is consistent with California Rules of Court, rule 10.603, which vests in the Presiding Judge the responsibility of establishing policies and providing a forum for the fair and expeditious resolution of disputes, as well as California Rules of Court, rule 1.150, which establishes rules for media coverage within the courtroom. This Order does not replace the Juvenile Court Media Policy, which establishes rules relating to photography, filming, recording or broadcasting in Juvenile Court Facilities. Requests for any exceptions to this Order must be submitted to the Court's Public Information Officer and will be considered by the Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding Judge, or their designee.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that absent written judicial authorization, there shall be no photographing, filming, recording or broadcasting by the media, attorneys, or members of the general public within any of the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego courthouse facilities, including but not limited to courtrooms, entrances and exits, the lobby areas, hallways,

1 stairs, elevators and escalators, and business offices, except: (1) as permitted within a courtroom
2 by a judicial officer under California Rules of Court, rule 1.150; and (2) those areas specifically
3 designated by the court as media areas that are set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto. Courthouse
4 facilities not listed on Exhibit A, including Juvenile Court, the Kearny Mesa Branch, and the
5 Madge Bradley Building, have no designated media area; any and all photography, filming,
6 recording, and broadcasting within those facilities is prohibited without written judicial
7 authorization. This order is not intended to restrict the ability to photograph, film, record or
8 broadcast from outside the entrances and exits of any courthouse facility, provided such activity
9 does not obstruct access to or from the building, or compromise security.

10 Videotaping, photography or electronic recording devices must be turned off while they
11 are transported within any courthouse facility.

12 Any videotaping, photography or electronic recording of the interior of a courtroom
13 through the windows of the courtroom door is prohibited.

14 Jurors may not be videotaped, photographed or electronically recorded anywhere within a
15 courthouse facility at any time, with the exception that once jurors have been discharged from a
16 case and have turned in their juror badges, they may be videotaped, photographed or electronically
17 recorded in designated media areas only if they consent. Spectators may not be videotaped,
18 photographed, or electronically recorded within a courtroom at any time, and may be videotaped,
19 photographed, or electronically recorded outside a courtroom in designated media areas only if
20 they consent.

21 Camera-enabled devices and devices that capture digital images, such as cell phones,
22 PDA's or watches, may be brought into the courthouse facilities and courtrooms, as long as the
23 imaging capturing features are not activated, used or displayed without written authorization from
24 a judicial officer. Police officers with body worn cameras shall not activate the recording function
25 of the camera unless involved in a law enforcement activity in the courthouse. Any person who
26 wishes to document, photograph, record, or broadcast any portion of a court proceeding must seek
27 and be granted prior written judicial approval, and must inform the court security staff of his or
28 her intentions.

1 This Order is not intended to interfere with or restrict the rights of the media to request
2 permission from a judicial officer to allow media coverage within a particular courtroom, nor to
3 interfere with the ability of each judicial officer to rule on such media requests, in conformity with
4 California Rules of Court, rule 1.150.

5 This Order does not restrict or otherwise prohibit arrangements set up by the Court's Public
6 Information Officer to allow photographing, recording or broadcasting by the media based on
7 individual circumstances in an alternate location other than those set out in Exhibit A, which
8 requests will be considered and a response provided by the Presiding Judge, Assistant Presiding
9 Judge, or their designee.

10 Special Requests for photographing or filming of unoccupied courtrooms or jury rooms, or
11 employee work areas must be made in writing to the Court's Public Information Officer.

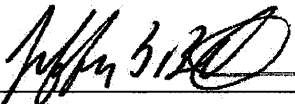
12 A violation of this order may be the basis for an order terminating further media coverage,
13 a citation for contempt, confiscation of personal electronic devices, and/or an order imposing
14 monetary or other sanctions.

15 This Order and shall expire on December 31, 2017, unless otherwise ordered by this court.

16 Service of this Order is ordered on the San Diego Sheriff's Department.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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19 DATED: December 30, 2016

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22 HON. JEFFREY B. BARTON
23 PRESIDING JUDGE
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EXHIBIT "A"

1 **GENERAL ORDER OF THE PRESIDING DEPARTMENT, ORDER NO. 010117-03**

2 **EXHIBIT A – DESIGNATED MEDIA AREAS**

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4 Photos, videos, press conferences and on-camera statements to members of the media and the
5 general public are allowed only in the following designated media areas:

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7 **County Courthouse (220 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101)**

- 8 ➤ 2nd Floor – North or South End of Hallway
9 ➤ 3rd Floor – North or South End of Hallway
10 ➤ 4th Floor – North or South End of Hallway
11 ➤ 5th Floor – North or South End of Hallway

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13 **Hall of Justice (330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101)**

- 14 ➤ 3rd Floor – East or West End of Hallway
15 ➤ 4th Floor – East or West End of Hallway
16 ➤ 5th Floor – East or West End of Hallway
17 ➤ 6th Floor – East or West End of Hallway

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19 **East County Courthouse (250 East Main Street, El Cajon, CA 92020)**

- 20 ➤ Ground Floor – Wall, North of Elevator Entrance
21 ➤ 1st Floor – Wall, Northeast of Elevator Entrance
22 ➤ 2nd Floor – Wall, North of Dept. 7 or Wall, South of Dept. 8
23 ➤ 3rd Floor – Wall, North of Dept. 11 or Wall, South of Dept. 10
24 ➤ 4th Floor – Wall, North of Dept. 16 at Entrance to Elevator Lobby

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1 **North County Courthouse (325 South Melrose Dr., Vista CA 92081)**

- 2 ➤ 3rd Floor – North or South of Elevator – Opposite Courtroom Involved in Media Event
- 3 ➤ 4th Floor – North or South of Elevator – Opposite Courtroom Involved in Media Event
- 4 ➤ 1st Floor – North Building Lobby – South Wall

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6 **South County Courthouse (500 3rd Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910)**

- 7 ➤ 1st Floor Lobby – North of the Upward Escalator
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9 **Family Law Court (1555 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101)**

- 10 ➤ 1st Floor Lobby – South Wall
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12 Cameras must film toward the wall (as opposed to down the hallway) in these designated areas

13 that are marked by signage.

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15 Please note: Courthouse facilities not listed on this Exhibit, including Juvenile Court and the

16 Madge Bradley Building, have no designated media area. Any and all photography, filming,

17 recording, and broadcasting within those facilities is prohibited without written judicial

18 authorization.

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